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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

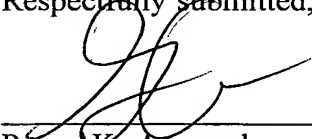
In response to the Office Action dated June 24, 2005, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-17, for prosecution in the subject application.

Upon allowance of the elected claims, Applicants will be permitted to request rejoinder in accordance with MPEP 821.04 and *In re Ochiai*, 71 F.3d 1565, 37 USPQ2d 1127 (Fed.Cir. 1995) of method claim 18.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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